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ACCEPTANCE IS LIKELY

President-Elect Withholds Announcement of Choice for Labor Post.

OTHERS FORMALLY NAMED

Mellon, Fall and Hays Officially Announced as Cabinet Members.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MANHATTAN, March 1.—Whether Major-General Leonard Wood will become Governor-General of the Philippines is for the General himself to determine. He expects to reach a decision within a week, but possibly not until he has another talk with President Harding after inauguration.

Gen. Wood passed a couple of hours to-night going over the entire question and discussing the new Administration's policies with regard to the islands. Mr. Harding urged Gen. Wood to take the place, but the latter withheld definite acceptance of the offer.

"The President-elect and I had a very satisfactory talk," Gen. Wood said, "but whether I am to go to the Philippines is something for future determination."

Gen. Wood indicated that there were several matters of a personal nature that would require consideration before he could announce his decision. The impression gleaned from Gen. Wood's replies to questions was that he would announce acceptance of the post.

No Definite Offer.

Gen. Wood said that no definite offer had been made to him from the University of Pennsylvania, although he was conscious that a movement for his selection as provost was under way. He said this was being urged by some of the alumni of the University, many of whom he knew personally, and many of whom were members of the American Legion. That, he said, was one of the things that he would have to consider before definitely accepting or rejecting Mr. Harding's offer.

The other chief developments of the day were the formal announcement by Mr. Harding of the appointments of Senator Albert B. Fall of New Mexico, Will H. Hays of Indiana and Andrew W. Mellon of Pittsburgh to places in the new Cabinet. Senator Fall will be Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Hays Postmaster-General and Mr. Mellon Secretary of the Treasury.

As THE NEW YORK HERALD has announced, Mr. Harding's mind is made up about the one remaining Cabinet place, the Department of Labor. Mr. Harding considers the news of his selection for this place of sufficient importance to warrant a separate announcement and he is withholding it until to-morrow. Every indication is that James J. Davis of Pittsburgh will be the man named unless some unexpected factors have been introduced in the last day or so in behalf of some one else.

President-elect Harding put in a strenuous day. His special car arrived here early this morning and Mr. Harding visited his newspaper office, the Marion Daily Star, to inquire how things had gone during his absence. Then he went to his temporary headquarters, where he attacked a sheaf of correspondence. Another visit was to the Marion Club, where a hurry call had been sent for the entire membership roster of about 300 to gather for a photograph. The President-elect and Mrs. Harding had luncheon at the home of Mr. Harding's father, Dr. George T. Harding.

In the afternoon Mr. Harding re-

SENATOR CALLS BONUS BILL MERCENARY AND DEGRADING

There May Be Such a Thing as a Taxpayers' Strike, Says Thomas in his Strong Minority Report.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The soldier bonus bill was attacked to-day by Senator Thomas, Democrat (Cal.), as "sordid, mercenary, humiliating, outrageous and illegal."

In a minority report presented to the Senate as a member of the Finance Committee, Senator Thomas said the operation of the bill would entail a cost of \$3,500,000,000 and result in depreciation of Liberty bonds and other securities and a great burden to the taxpayers.

"The country is in no condition to submit to the stupendous burden which this bill imposes," he declared. "It is outrageous. Justice should, of itself, defeat the bill. There may be such a thing in this country as a taxpayers' strike. The sooner it comes the better."

"This bill subordinates duty to the sordid and degrading influence of pelf and profit, makes the army an agency for the extortion of money from the citizen and places the republican soldier upon a level with the mercenary soldier of fortune or adventure."

Senator Thomas praised the "splendid segment of the late American army which dares to ask for bonuses or compensation."

"Patriotism, devotion to free institutions and a decent regard for the obligation of free citizenship," the Senator said, "are degraded and disgraced when

turned to his temporary office, where he was busy with correspondence until the dinner hour. In the evening Mr. Harding was the guest of Marion Comandery, Knights Templar, at a complimentary dinner after the degree of that branch of the Masonic order had been conferred upon him.

To-morrow Mr. Harding will be in the hands of his friends. It is probable that he will have little time for any other official activity except to announce his selection as Secretary of Labor, which will make the Cabinet complete. One of the unusual features of the sendoff that his friends are to give him is that the arrangements for the affair are largely in the hands of Democrats. Among Mr. Harding's closest friends and admirers are James F. Prendergast, James A. Schroeder, Charles King, president of the Marion Club; Ollie Rapp and Fred Huber.

Most of these are Democrats, but the fact hasn't prevented them from taking the lead in the local arrangements for the sendoff and not one makes any secret of the fact that he voted for his townsman last November. Not only have they taken the initiative in to-morrow's function, but the arrangements for the special train that will carry most of the people of Marion to Washington to witness the inauguration have also been in their hands.

To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at the Harding residence, Marion and Marion county neighbors and friends will tender their farewells to Mr. and Mrs. Harding. A silver plaque will be presented to them for the citizens of Marion by Dr. T. H. McAfee, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church. Mr. Harding is expected to respond. A reception by Mr. and Mrs. Harding will follow.

HAYS WILL RESIGN AS CHAIRMAN TO-MORROW

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW YORK, March 1, 1921. Will H. Hays, who is to be Postmaster-General in the Harding Cabinet, announced upon his arrival in Washington to-day that he would present his resignation as chairman of the Republican National Committee at a meeting of the committee with the Republican executive committee on Thursday, the day before inauguration.

ever the soldier citizen becomes a mercenary and other expects or demands that his Government should measure his service in terms of money.

"If the American nation has been preserved from German aggression only to loose the flood gates of its Treasury upon its returning soldiery, it is a serious question whether it was worth while to safeguard the country from its enemies only to be plundered by its citizens."

Declaring that most of the veterans would take the cash bonus, Senator Thomas said the other options of the bill were "comparatively unimportant." The plan for reclaiming land for soldier homesteads, he charged, would result in numerous land schemes and "promotions."

"They will have ample political backing," the Senator added, "I know of no pork barrel scheme more alluring and reckless expenditure than this. The local camps or posts of the American Legion will be in evidence behind many of them and a carnival of appropriations will follow in their train."

The tax plan provides for "taking money from the pockets of one class of citizens to be transferred to the pockets of another," said Senator Thomas, adding that Congress should not "shrink from the responsibility."

WILSON AND CABINET MEET FOR LAST TIME

President's Voice Trembles as He Says Farewell.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson met with his Cabinet to-day for the last time and at the meeting's end he said farewell to the ten men who have been his official advisers, four of them since he entered the White House in 1912.

The final meeting was held in the Executive Office, the President walking over from the White House attended by an attaché and aided by his cane. After an hour and a half spent as Cabinet members, spent in a discussion of "official business and otherwise," the President autographed for each of his advisers a photograph taken at last week's meeting. Then Mr. Wilson said goodbye to each member. He greeted each in turn and chatted for a few moments before shaking hands. At times the President's voice trembled as he extended his thanks for past services and good wishes for the future.

Each of the Department heads expressed to the Chief Executive a few words of appreciation for his helpfulness and cooperation with their respective departments. They have arranged to purchase the chair which the President has occupied at Cabinet meetings during his two administrations for presentation to him before his departure from the White House Friday.

When they were gone the President remained behind for a few minutes to receive a waiting delegation of the Valley Forge Historical Society, who presented to him a certificate as "honorary perpetual benefactor" and the insignia of the organization. Dr. W. H. Burk of Valley Forge, Pa., made the presentation.

Then Raymond T. Baker, Director of the Mint, stepped into the Cabinet room. "Take good care of the mints," the President enjoined him, as he shook his hand and inquired after the health of his family.

A few minutes later the President, leaning on his cane and limping slightly, as a relief to his left side and limb, passed slowly out of the Executive Office. It probably was his last visit to the offices, and the leaving plainly affected him.

\$10,338,509 SPENT TO ELECT PRESIDENT

Report of Senate Committee on Campaign of 1920 Filed With Congress.

\$8,100,739 BY THE G. O. P.

Democratic Total Is \$2,237,770—Restrictive Action Is Suggested.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Campaign costs of electing a President of the United States in 1920 were \$10,338,509, as estimated by a special Senate committee created to investigate them, which to-day filed its report with Congress. Of this amount Republican campaign organizations spent \$8,100,739, while Democratic expenditures were \$2,237,770. The committee's compilation also took into account the expenditures made by or in behalf of all candidates for the Republican and Democratic Presidential nomination, and of National State, Congressional and Senatorial committees of both these parties, neglecting amounts spent by candidates and organizations of minor political parties.

Senators Kenyon, Iowa; Edgar, New Jersey and Spencer, Missouri, Republicans, and Pomerene, Ohio, and Reed, Missouri, Democrats, signed the report, which was unanimous. While stating their conclusions that "the expenditure of these vast sums is a present and growing menace to the nation," no recommendations for Congressional action were made except that the suggestion was made that elections committees of the next Congress should consider the question.

Constitutional difficulties may intervene to prevent legislation on the subject, the report said, but Congress should "take proper steps to submit" a Constitutional amendment dealing with the difficulty "if it is found necessary."

While the largest sums of campaign expenditure found were those of the national organizations, which the committee said was \$5,313,729 for the Republican party and \$1,818,274 for the Democrats, candidates who sought Presidential nominations from the conventions accounted for a total of \$2,950,025.

Major-General Leonard Wood's efforts to obtain the Republican nomination involved the expenditure of \$1,775,263, the committee found, while for Frank O. Lowden the total was \$414,000; for Senator Johnson of California, \$194,000; for Herbert Hoover, \$173,000, and for President-elect Harding, \$113,000. Expenditures noted in behalf of other Republican candidates were \$77,000 for Senator Voinex, Washington; \$68,000 for Vice-President-elect Coolidge and \$40,000 for Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of New York.

Attorney General Palmer led Democratic candidates in expenditures, the amount being fixed at \$59,000, while Gov. Cox, who got the nomination, spent \$22,000. James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, was listed at \$14,000 and Senator Owen, Oklahoma, at \$8,500. Two candidates in behalf of whom no money was found to have been spent were William G. McAdoo, Democrat, and Senator France, Republican, Maryland.

Many difficulties were found in getting complete tabulations and avoiding duplications, the report said, but the amounts were given as "showing the situation fairly and accurately."

PROTECTS NATIONAL PARKS.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The House today passed the Senate bill exempting national parks from the provisions of the Federal water power act. The measure, which now goes to the President, would prevent construction of commercial dams and power houses in national parks of the West.

PANAMA TO ISSUE LOAN FOR DEFENCE

Authorizes Flotation of \$500,000 Secured by Proceeds of Lottery.

\$50,000 TO BUY ARMS

Opposition Leader Cables Support to President Porras in the Crisis.

By the Associated Press. PANAMA, March 1.—An extraordinary session of the Assembly was held this afternoon, when the following national defence measures were proposed:

An appropriation of \$50,000 for the purchase of arms and munitions.

Authorization to the President to raise and equip an army up to the strength the President may deem necessary.

Authorization for the flotation of an internal loan to the amount of \$500,000, secured by the proceeds of the national lottery.

The measures were sent to committee, with the expectation of a favorable report to-morrow, with immediate final action by the Assembly.

A Presidential message was read, describing events since the taking over of territory near the Pacific frontier on February 21 by Costa Rican forces, and the expulsion and capture of the invaders through police measures. The President made no mention of a declaration of war.

A cablegram addressed to the Assembly from Deputy Francisco Arias, leader of the party opposing President Porras, who is representing the Assembly at Washington at the inauguration of President-elect Harding, expressed confidence that all the members of the opposition would support the Administration in the present crisis.

The capital remains quiet, with no news of the developments in the frontier situation.

HUGHES LEAVES LAW FIRM.

The retirement of Charles E. Hughes, the next Secretary of State, from the law firm of Hughes, Rounds, Schurman & Dwight of 100 Broadway, was announced yesterday as having taken place on Monday. The name of Mr. Hughes has been dropped from the firm.

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